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SUBJECT: MLN DECLARES ITS INDEPENDENCE

REF: GUATEMALA 3421

1. MLN ANNOUNCED JULY 3 THAT IT WAS ADOPTING AN INDEPENDENT POLITICAL LINE AND THAT IT ACCEPTED "NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COURSE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION." ANNOUNCEMENT MADE AT GRAVE OF CARLOS CASTILLO ARMAS ON 21ST ANNIVERSARY OF CASTILLO ARMAS VICTORIOUSARRIVAL IN GUATEMALA CITY.

2. THE PARTY PROMISED THAT IT WOULD SUPPORT THOSE GOVERNMENT DECISIONS THAT CONFORMED TO ITS POLITICAL LINE, AND ALL THOSE ACTIONS DESTINED FOR POPULAR BENEFIT.

3. THE MLN COMPLAINED BITTERLY THAT "CITIZENS WHO WE TOOK TO THE HIGHEST PUBLIC OFFICES - WHO YESTERDAY WERE FRIENDS - LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAVE TODAY BECOME DUPES (TONTOS UTILES) FOR COMMUNIST

PURPOSES."

4. PID CONGRESSMAN TOLD US JULY 3 THAT THE COALITION WAS NOW DEAD. HE SHOWED NO REGRETS, AND WE EXPECT NONE FROM HIS COLLEAGUES IN ANY OF THE OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES.

5. COMMENT: THE MLN CHARACTERIZATION OF PRESIDENT LAUGERUD AS A "COMMUNIST DUPE" COMES IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT LAUGERUD SHOWED A GREAT DEAL OF SENSITIVITY TO THE TERM "COMMUNIST" IN HIS JULY 1 STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS (REFTEL). FUTURE OF VICE PRESIDENT SANDOVAL IN THE GOVERNMENT IS UNCLEAR. LAUGERUD HAS ALREADY INDICATED TO HIM THAT HE WOULD ACCEPT NO MLN-INSTIGATED POLITICAL VIOLENCE. WHETHER HE WILL ALSO REJECT SANDOVAL-INSTIGATED ORATORICAL SNIPING AT HIS ADMINISTRATION REMAINS TO BE SEEN. THE POSSIBILITY OF A SANDOVAL RESIGNATION CAN NO LONGER BE DISMISSED AS A COMPLETELY REMOTE POSSIBILITY.
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